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AIEA LAB TESTS PILL-FORM TREATMENT FOR ANTHRAX

by Nanea Kalani

Pacific Business News in the Puget Sound Business Journal

August 8, 2008

"Oahu-based PanThera Biopharma has leveraged private investment dollars with several federal research grants over the past four years to develop a treatment for anthrax.

The 15-employee company recently was awarded a \$5 million federal grant from the National Institutes of Health, which company president and CEO Will Alameida says will help advance lab testing for the drug. The contract follows a \$2.5 million federal grant PanThera received last summer for its anthrax research.

Alameida said PanThera still is in pre-clinical stages for its anthrax drug, but has completed successful testing on rats. He said all animal testing is performed in Mainland labs and that PanThera's Hawaii lab works with a nontoxic strain of the disease."

The full article can be found at: <http://seattle.bizjournals.com/seattle/othercities/pacific/stories/2008/08/11/focus1.html?b=1218427200%5E1682133>

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RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL REPORTED STOLEN IN POLAND

Global Security Newswire

August 21, 2008

"Eleven containers of radioactive cobalt 60 have been stolen in Poland, sparking fears that the material might be smuggled into Germany for use in a radiological "dirty bomb," the DDP news agency reported yesterday.

A German television station on Monday reported that the cobalt had disappeared near the Polish city of Swietochlowice."

The full article can be found at: http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2008_8_20.html

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Chem-Demil News

COMMISSION OKS PHASE 3 CHEM DEMIL CONSTRUCTION

By Jeff Tucker

The Pueblo Chieftain

August 20, 2008

"The Pueblo County Board of Commissioners approved a certificate of designation Tuesday for the third phase of construction on the plant that will destroy thousands of tons of chemical agent at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

Tuesday's unanimous vote is the third certificate the U.S. Army and Bechtel needed to move forward with the Pueblo Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant."

The full article can be found at: <http://chieftain.com/articles/2008/08/20/news/local/doc48abca4659284874390031.txt>

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LAWSUIT COULD OUTLAST CW WASTE TRANSPORT

Global Security Newswire

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“Disposal of waste produced by chemical weapons neutralization in Indiana appears set to be completed before trial on a lawsuit intended to halt shipment of the material to Texas, Defense Environment Alert reported yesterday.

The Newport Chemical Depot in Indiana recently completed disposal of VX nerve agent through chemical neutralization, a process that creates a wastewater called hydrolysate (see GSN, Aug. 12). The U.S. Army had the caustic waste shipped to Port Arthur, Texas, for incineration. The last shipment is expected to leave Newport within two months.”

The full article can be found at: http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2008_8_20.html

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NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT - 412 TO LOSE JOBS AS NERVE GAS OPERATION CLOSES

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“Parsons Corp., a Pasadena, Calif., company that is destroying the V-X nerve gas stored at the Newport Chemical Depot in western Indiana, has started closing down the operation as the three-year project nears completion.

Parsons has informed the Indiana Department of Workforce Development that it will begin laying off 412 workers at the site in two weeks and complete the closing in two years.”

The full article can be found at: http://www.ibj.com/html/detail_page_Full.asp?content=18941

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